



FULL COUNCIL MEETING

Monday, March 18, 2024

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Douglas County Public Works

3755 E 25th St, Lawrence, KS 66046

and virtually via [Teams](#)

I. Welcome & Introduction: 6:30-6:45 pm

- Approve the agenda.
- Approve February 2024 meeting minutes.
- Member Updates:
 - i. Cheryl Hunsinger - Douglas County Farm Bureau Liaison - County Appointment
 - 1. Cheryl stepped down. KFB will need to appoint a new representative to the DCFPC.
 - ii. Crystal Bradshaw Gonzalez - Agricultural Producer - County Appointment
 - iii. Quin Carttar- To serve as the DCFPC Vice Chair for April 2024. First to serve on this seat with the new rotational Vice Chair leadership structure. The remaining months of the 2024 calendar year are still available for members interested in taking this opportunity.
- Welcome Intern:
 - i. Jazmine Johnson, Food Systems Intern with Douglas County
 - 1. Haskell Indian Nations University School of Business
 - 2.

II. Growing an Equitable & Sustainable Food System: A Plan for Collaborative Action in Regional KC 6:45-7:15 pm

- Andrea Clark, Director of Food System Planning, KC Healthy Kids will provide a presentation on the "[Growing an Equitable & Sustainable Food System: A Plan for Collaborative Action in Regional KC](#)" published December of 2023

III. FORWARD Working Group Presentation 7:15 - 7:30 pm

- Dietrich Earnhart to present on the FORWARD working group
 - i. FORWARD: Eliminating food waste through reduction, recovery, and diversion (including composting).

IV. City of Lawrence Ordinance 9996 Update 7:30 - 7:40 pm

- Ben Sikes, Sustainability Advisory Board liaison to the DCFPC will provide an update on the City of Lawrence Ordinance 9996. The reusable bags ordinance went into effect on March 1, 2024. The ordinance prohibits establishments in Lawrence from providing single-use disposable plastic bags to customers at the point-of-sale.

V. DCFPC Water Working Group Update 7:40-7:50 pm

- Natalya Lowther, chair of the Water working group will provide an update.

VI. Food Business Start-up Panel Discussion and Resource Fair, Reflections 7:50 - 8:00 pm

- On February 13, 2024, the Food and Farm and Economic Development working groups hosted the "Food Business Start-up Panel Discussion and Resource Fair" with the support of the Haskell Indian Nations University USDA Extension Office and the Douglas County K-State Research and Extension Office.

VII. Kansas Food Action Network March 7, 2024, Advocacy Day 8:00 pm 8:10pm

- Douglas County Food Policy Council and Lawrence Public Schools representatives attended the Kansas Food Action Network (KFAN) Advocacy Day on March 7 in Topeka. They shared information about Farm 2 School programming and the work of the Food Policy Council, including the Indigenous Food System study.
- In attendance: Connie Fiorella Fitzpatrick, Douglas County Food Systems Specialist, Cody Haynes co-chair of the Douglas County Food Policy Council, and Pantaleon Florez III, USD 497 Farm 2 School coordinator.
- Meetings with: Rep. Christina Haswood, Senator Tom Holland, Senator Marci Francisco, and Rep. Mike Amix.

VIII. Budget and Grant Update 8:00 - 8:10 pm

- Presented by staff.
 - i. HCC Grant
 - ii. DCFPC working group budget distribution request.

IX. Adjourn

Next Meeting: April 22, 2024 - In-person location Eudora Public Library (14 E Neith St Eudora, KS) and virtually via Teams @ 6:30 pm